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**Level 4 – 8th February, 2019**

## Russia planning to develop more missiles

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190208-missiles-4.html>

Russia will build more missiles. This is because the USA suspended the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INFT) on February 1st. Russia did the same the next day. The INFT was signed in 1987. It was to limit the number of missiles that could hit European capitals. It banned Russia and the USA from using short- and medium-range missiles. Russian media have stated that Russia would make a "100 megaton nuclear doomsday device".

Russia's media have written a lot about the device. They say it is too fast for missile defense systems. It could cause devastation and 100-meter tsunami waves. Its radiation could wipe out life for a thousand kilometers. A newspaper wrote: "Any US attack on Russia would be a suicidal misadventure." The paper didn't mention the idea of M.A.D. - Mutually Assured Destruction. M.A.D. sees both countries destroying each other.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47134028>  
<https://www.thisinsider.com/russia-threatens-us-with-nuclear-doomsday-device-after-inf-failure-2019-2>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/05/russia-plans-land-based-intermediate-missiles-in-two-years>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190208-missiles-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Russia will build              | a. signed in 1987     |
| 2. Russia did the same            | b. and the USA        |
| 3. The INFT was                   | c. number of missiles |
| 4. It was to limit the            | d. device             |
| 5. hit European                   | e. more missiles      |
| 6. It banned Russia               | f. missiles           |
| 7. medium-range                   | g. the next day       |
| 8. a 100 megaton nuclear doomsday | h. capitals           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. media have written a lot          | a. waves            |
| 2. it is too fast for missile        | b. each other       |
| 3. It could cause                    | c. about the device |
| 4. 100-meter tsunami                 | d. of M.A.D.        |
| 5. could wipe out life               | e. devastation      |
| 6. a suicidal                        | f. defense systems  |
| 7. The paper didn't mention the idea | g. for a 1,000km    |
| 8. both countries destroying         | h. misadventure     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Russia (1) \_\_\_\_\_ missiles. This is because the USA suspended the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INFT) on February 1st.

Russia (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the next day. The INFT was signed in 1987. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the number of missiles that could hit European capitals. It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the USA from using short- and (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Russian media have stated that Russia would make a "100 megaton (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

Russia's media have written (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the device. They say it is too (8) \_\_\_\_\_ defense systems. It could cause devastation and 100-(9) \_\_\_\_\_. Its radiation could wipe out life for a thousand kilometers. A newspaper wrote: "Any US attack on Russia would (10) \_\_\_\_\_ misadventure." The paper didn't mention (11) \_\_\_\_\_ M.A.D. - Mutually Assured Destruction. M.A.D. sees both countries (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190208-missiles-4.html>

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# MISSILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190208-missiles-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about missiles in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

